

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ron Woodburn grew up in Dewey, Oklahoma, and honed his education skills on the red soil of Oklahoma, not by making lazy circles in the sky, but by attending classes at OSU. Ron's instruction also takes on an international flare with his post graduate training at the University of Alberta. You will still find Ron and his family around the table celebrating the Canadian Thanksgiving Day in October; and,

Whereas, Ron has been a loving husband and father to his wife, Glenda, and his three beautiful daughters, Hilary Jane, Kendra Elizabeth, and Gillian Renee; and,

Whereas, The people of the state of South Dakota have been fortunate to be the recipients of the endeavors of a special class of individuals devoted to making a difference in South Dakota. Ron joined that elite group of employees as a water resource planner II in the Department of Natural Environmental Protection (DEP) in Pierre, South Dakota, on April 4, 1977. Ron served in several positions while working for the current Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). In June of 1996, as a part of the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT) consolidation, Ron transferred to BIT, currently serving as a state government specialist, i.e., GIS guru; and,

Whereas, Ron has devoted his time and energy toward the support of the young people in Pierre through his years of service on the School Board, Co-chairman of the Pierre Mentoring Committee, the Pierre swim team, Pierre Fine Arts Booster Club, tutoring young people, advocating for Odyssey of the Mind and Destination Imagination, school crossing guard, serving lunch and dining with Head Start children, and giving himself toward countless other youth activities; and,

Whereas, Ron is an accomplished trombonist, and a percussionist extraordinaire. He has participated in various musical groups including: "The Bad River Band", "You Guys", "It's Debatable", "The Pierre Capital City Band", "Over Forte" and "The Dick C. Land Band"; and,

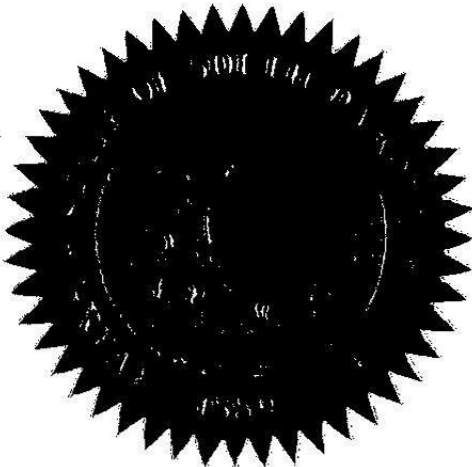
Whereas, "Woody's" patient demeanor has been demonstrated time and time again as he waits for the elusive Cowboy National Championship; and,

Whereas, Ron Woodburn has served the people of this great state for 26 years, 3 months, and 5 days, always exhibiting the qualities of professionalism, honor, and integrity, and is now choosing to take his career down a different path to become the next Director of Capital University Center:

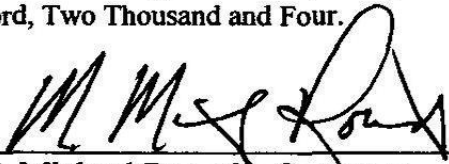
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2004, as

RONALD L. WOODBURN DAY


in South Dakota, and I join his many friends and colleagues in congratulating him on his new career.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State